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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-146. (Canceled)

147. (Currently Amended) A method for publishing content, the method comprising:

receiving, by a publishing system, a selection of content from a user of said publishing system, said selection identifying an item of content;

receiving, by said publishing system, a request to publish the selected content from the user of said publishing system;

providing, by said publishing system in response to the request from the user to publish the content, information to a plurality of distributor systems, said information comprising a rights specification identifier and at least one of a description of the content, metadata of the content, content identifiers, publisher information, and content repository indication and a rights specification identifier, said rights specification identifier indicating the rights that are available for distribution and sale;

upon receiving the information, generating, by one of the plurality of distributor systems, a response using said provided information and one or more pre-defined rules stored in a database including evaluating said rights specification identifier against said one or more pre-defined rules, wherein said one of the plurality of distributor systems uses said pre-defined rules to determine whether said one of the plurality of distributor systems is interested in the content specified by said provided information;

providing, by said one of the plurality of distributor systems, the response to said publishing system;

determining, by said publishing system, whether the response indicates that said one of the plurality of distributor systems is interested in the content specified by said provided information; and

upon said publishing system determining that said one of the plurality of distributor systems is interested in the content specified by said provided information,

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